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responsible for \$33,000 next year, not this year. I would ask for your support in advancing LB 139A.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Johnson. You've heard the closing on advancement of LB 139A to E & R Initial. The question before the body is, shall that bill advance? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. The question before the body is advancement of LB 139A to E & R Initial. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 139A.

SENATOR CUDABACK: LB 139A does advance. We now go to General File, 2004 senator priority bills. Mr. Clerk, first legislative bill.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 1049, a bill by Senator Cunningham. (Read title.) The bill was introduced in January of this year, referred to Business and Labor, advanced to General File. Senator Cunningham opened on the bill yesterday, Mr. President. Senator Loudon presented an amendment to the bill, AM2291. That amendment is currently pending. (Legislative Journal page 507.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Cunningham, would you give us a quick review what the bill actually does.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Thank you, Senator Cudaback and members. I'll be brief. But it...the bill is actually quite simple. All it does, in unemployment law, it changes, for those people who quit on their own free will without good cause or who are fired for misconduct, it changes the waiting period before they can collect unemployment insurance from 7 to 10 weeks, and it changes it to a 13-week waiting period. And I must stress that they still are able to collect for the final 13 weeks, even if they quit without good cause or fired for misconduct. And that's a brief description of the bill, Senator. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Cunningham. Senator Loudon, would you give us a quick review what your amendment does before we start discussing it.